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***WATERFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT & DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE
CENTER PRESENT:***

**THE GREAT GARLIC MUSTARD PULL CONTEST
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015
12:00PM – 3:00PM (Registration at 11:30AM)
2125 DENBY DR., WATERFORD, MI 48329**

This is a great opportunity to get outdoors, breathe some fresh air, have fun and get a bit of exercise while pulling invasive Garlic Mustard and giving native spring wildflowers a fighting chance! First we will work on the day's task then enjoy marshmallows at a campfire while we weigh what we have pulled to see who wins! Winner determined by the most weight of Garlic Mustard pulled. Participants should wear appropriate clothing for outdoor work, including long pants and sturdy, closed-toed shoes, long sleeved shirts, and bring gloves and drinking water.

We hope to engage individuals, families, neighborhoods, school groups, scout troops, church groups, community and civic organizations, businesses, and groups of friends in this effort to eliminate Garlic Mustard from the Drayton Plains Nature Center.

RULES

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Arrive at the Drayton Plains Nature Center on Sunday, May 17, 2014, by 11:30AM and register on-site with our Naturalist.

WHO CAN ENTER:

Contestants will be divided into three categories and a winner in each group will be awarded.

1. Individuals – if you are participating in this category, you must be 18 years or older.
2. Small Groups – Groups containing 10 or less people. A small group can have participants under 18 years of age, however the group leader must be 18 years or older. Minors participating must have an adult accompanying them during the contest.
3. Large Groups – Groups containing more than 10 people. A large group can have participants under 18 years of age, however the group leader must be 18 years or older. Minors participating must have an adult accompanying them during the contest.

With us there are no boundaries

CONTEST DETAILS:

1. Individuals and groups register on-site. You will be given garbage bags to use collect Garlic Mustard.
2. Contestants participating as individuals and the group leaders of the small and large groups will be shown how to identify Garlic Mustard by our Naturalist and instructed on the areas of the Drayton Plains Nature Center where Garlic Mustard needs to be pulled.
3. At 12:00PM, contestants may start pulling Garlic Mustard. Pulling will end at 3:00PM and an announcement will be made notifying contestants that it is time to stop pulling.
4. Contestants are responsible for keeping track of their own garbage bags of Garlic Mustard and bringing them to the Pavilion for weighing.
5. A winner in each category will be based on the total weight in pounds of Garlic Mustard pulled.

Please note that poison ivy could be present at some of the sites that Garlic Mustard is pulled from. Participants should wear appropriate clothing for outdoor work, including long pants and sturdy, closed-toed shoes, long sleeved shirts, and bring gloves.

Individuals not familiar with Garlic Mustard identification are encouraged to click on the below link for more information on Garlic Mustard, from the Plant Conservation Alliance, Alien Plant Working Group. www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/alpe1.htm

